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# I turned over secrets as FBI watched: spy

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Washington (News Bureau)—William Bell, a former Hughes Aircraft radar expert convicted of handing over radar secrets to a Polish spy, said yesterday the FBI told him its agents watched him for almost three years—and did nothing—as he turned over numerous sensitive documents to the spy.

Bell, 61, who is serving an eight-year term for handing over classified secrets to Marion Zacharski, 30, a spy posing as a Polish businessman, said he learned after he was arrested last June that the FBI had known Zacharski was a spy from the time he entered the United States in 1977.

Bell told a Senate Permanent Investigations subcommittee hearing that the CIA also knew of Zacharski before the Pole arrived to become an executive with the Chicago-based Polish-American Machinery Corp. Zacharski is serving a life prison term.

THE CIA HAS reported that Bell turned over 20 "significant classified weapons reports" to Zacharski. Bell told the Senate panel the most damaging were plans for a new "quiet radar" for the B-1 bomber.

FBI and CIA spokesmen declined comment on Bell's disclosure yesterday.

But Dick Mellitt, an FBI counterintelligence agent, said last June—

after Bell and Zacharski were arrested in Los Angeles—that Zacharski had been under FBI surveillance since his arrival in the U.S.

The revelation raised the question of whether FBI intelligence officials may have waited too long to move while secrets flowed out of the country. Normal FBI counterintelligence procedure is to attempt to learn the scope of a spy ring before making arrests.

FBI AGENTS, rather than arrest American spies, often try to turn those working with foreign spies to spy for the FBI. Bell cooperated with the FBI only after he was arrested.

Another subcommittee witness, Joseph Arkov, an engineer who defected from the Soviet Union several years ago, said that the Soviets steal or buy Western technology on a large scale.

He said the Soviets are so far behind the U.S. that they frequently "do not have the technical know-how and equipment to produce the product themselves."

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